

I am in Favor of the A.R.R.L. petition for further Amateur Radio License restructuring. It is the most forward thinking petition of the several petitions now being commented on, and I feel the one that best suites the current and future needs of the Amateur Radio Service. The other three petitions all have some good points, but wanting to retain the 5 wpm code testing and/or raise the testing requirement for the Extra class license to 13 wpm, along with some other things in the other petitions, are overly restrictive and not in the best interests of Amateur Radio in todays world.

I do think that the question pools for Amateur radio exams should be changed, and the revised question pools should be available to accredited VEs ONLY. This would require applicants to LEARN the subjects required to pass an exam for an Amateur Radio License, instead of just memorizing the question pool(s). Learning and rote memorization are two entirely different things. We need Amateur operators to LEARN and UNDERSTAND the FCC rules, radio theory, proper operating procedures, and on-the-air courtesy!

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments.

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